

**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A method ~~Method~~ of automatically sending ~~special~~ electronic messages from a portable communication device to a selected recipient, comprising including the steps of:  
retrieving date information from an electronic date determination unit; ~~(40; 60);~~  
~~characterised by the further steps of~~  
retrieving first recipient related information from an electronic contact register ~~(44; 64); and~~  
automatically sending a ~~special~~ pre-configured electronic message over a network to the recipient ~~in dependence of~~ based on the date information and the first recipient related information ~~(50; 68).~~
2. (Currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, wherein the first recipient related information is date information associated with the recipient.
3. (Currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, wherein the first recipient related information is a ~~special~~ message flag.
4. (Currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, further comprising: including the step of  
retrieving second recipient related information from the electronic contact register;  
and  
~~sending the message also in dependence of the second recipient related information.~~

automatically sending the pre-configured electronic message over the network to the recipient based on the date information, first recipient related information, and the second recipient related information.

5. (Currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 4, wherein the second recipient related information is a ~~special~~ message flag.

6. (Currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to ~~any previous claim 1~~, further ~~including comprising~~:

prompting a user, after retrieving date and recipient related information, about sending the message; ~~(48)~~ and  
sending the message if the user has accepted sending.

7. (Currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to ~~any previous claim 1~~, further ~~comprising: including the step of~~  
retrieving ~~the~~ a name of the recipient from the contact register; and  
inserting the name into the message prior to sending.

8. (Currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to ~~any previous claim 1~~, wherein the message is sent directly to a terminal of the recipient.

9. (Currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to ~~any of claims 1—7~~  
claim 1, wherein the message is sent to a remote server, which pushes it to a terminal of the recipient.

10. (Currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to ~~any previous claim 1~~, wherein contact information about a recipient is first received from a remote server and then placed in the contact register.

11. (Currently amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to ~~any previous~~ claim 1, wherein the contact register is a register ~~based on~~ containing previously stored information about contacts and how these can be reached.

12. (Currently amended) A portable ~~Portable~~ communication device for automatically sending ~~special~~ electronic messages to a selected recipient comprising:

an electronic date determination unit; ~~(27; 34)~~,

an electronic contact register; ~~(36; 38)~~,

a message transfer unit; ~~(32)~~,

a pre-configured message store; ~~(30)~~ and

**characterised by**

a control unit ~~(28)~~ arranged configured to retrieve date information from the electronic data determination unit and first recipient related information relating to a recipient from the electronic contact register and effectuate automatic sending of a ~~special~~ pre-configured electronic message to the recipient ~~in dependence of~~ based on the date information and the first recipient related information.

13. (Currently amended) A portable ~~Portable~~ communication device according to claim 12, wherein the first recipient related information is date information associated with the recipient.

14. (Currently amended) A portable ~~Portable~~ communication device according to claim 12, wherein the first recipient related information is a ~~special~~ message flag.

15. (Currently amended) A portable ~~Portable~~ communication device according to claim 12 ~~or 13~~, wherein the control unit is further ~~arranged~~ configured to retrieve second recipient related information from the electronic contact register and effectuate sending of the message ~~also in dependence of~~ based on the second recipient related information.

16. (Currently amended) A portable ~~Portable~~ communication device according to claim 15, wherein the second recipient related information is a ~~special~~ message flag.

17. (Currently amended) A portable ~~Portable~~ communication device according to ~~any of claims 12—16~~ claim 12, wherein the control unit after retrieving date and recipient related information is further ~~arranged~~ configured to prompt a user about sending the message and effectuate sending of the message if the user has accepted sending.

18. (Currently amended) A portable ~~Portable~~ communication device according to ~~any of claims 12—17~~ claim 12, wherein the control unit is further ~~arranged~~ configured to retrieve the name of the recipient from the contact register and to insert the name into the message prior to sending.

19. (Currently amended) A portable ~~Portable~~ communication device according to ~~any of claims 12—18~~ claim 12, wherein the control unit effectuates sending of the message directly to a terminal of the recipient.

20. (Currently amended) A portable ~~Portable~~ communication device according to ~~any of claims 12—18~~ claim 12, wherein the control unit effectuates sending of the message to a remote server, which pushes it to the recipient.

21. (Currently amended) A portable ~~Portable~~ communication device according to ~~any of claims 12—20~~ claim 12, wherein the message transfer unit ~~(32)~~ receives contact information about a recipient from a remote server and the control unit is further ~~arranged~~ configured to place this information in the contact register.

22. (Currently amended) A portable ~~Portable~~ communication device according to ~~any of claims 12—21~~ claim 12, wherein the device is a cellular phone.

23. (Currently amended) ~~A portable~~ Portable communication device according to ~~any of claims 12—22~~ claim 12, wherein the contact register is a register ~~based on~~ containing previously stored information about contacts and how these can be reached.

24. (Currently amended) A computer program product stored on a computer readable medium comprising (74) ~~and having thereon~~:

~~computer program code means, to make a portable communication device execute, when said program is loaded in the portable communication device,~~

computer readable program code configured to retrieve ~~retrieving of~~ date information from an electronic date determination unit;<sub>;</sub>

~~characterised by~~

computer readable program code configured to retrieve ~~retrieving of~~ recipient related information from an electronic contact register;<sub>;</sub> and

computer readable program code configured to effectuate ~~effectuating~~ automatic sending of a ~~special~~ pre-configured electronic message over a network to the recipient ~~in dependence of~~ based on the date information and the recipient related information.

25. (Canceled)